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Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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Toll Studies Move Forward



The SANBAG Board approved release of a Request for Proposal for Advanced Toll Feasibility Studies on Interstate 10 and Interstate 15. The studies will be completed on the I-10 corridor from the Los Angeles County line to Ford Street in the City of Redlands, and on I-15 from the Riverside County line to State Route 395 in the High Desert. In addition, an analysis on alternative financing options and delivery models for both corridors will be conducted.

SCAG Presents Climate and Economic Development Project



In response to new State legislation, AB 32 and SB 375, which set new standards for California's production of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has created the Climate and Economic Development Project (CEDP).

SCAG Executive Director Hasan Ikhrata gave a presentation to SANBAG Board regarding the CEDP, which is a year-long effort that began in August 2010 to identify strategies which will promote regional economic development, air quality attainment, greenhouse gas reduction, provision of affordable housing, and improved transportation. The intent is to support economically viable and livable communities in the Southern California region.

The CEDP includes a Project Stakeholder Committee, which will develop and analyze options related to land-use, transportation investment, transportation planning and demand management, transportation systems management, and multi-sector issues, such as energy and commerce.

High Desert Corridor Update



SANBAG Board received updated information on the High Desert Corridor, which will connect the desert portions of the Antelope Valley in Los Angeles County with the Victor Valley in San Bernardino County. The Counties of San Bernardino and Los Angeles, along with cities in the Antelope and Victor Valleys, have formed the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority to develop this new expressway, from SR-14 in Los Angeles County to SR-18 in San Bernardino County.

Meeting Calendar

- Oct. 20: Plans and Programs Comm., 12 noon
- Oct. 21: High Desert Opportunity,
 San Bernardino County
 Fairgrounds, Victorville, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 22: Twentynine Palms Transit Center Grand Opening, Corner of Adobe and Cactus, Twentynine Palms, 9:30 a.m.
- Oct. 28: I-10 Corridor Coalition Conference, Lewis Playhouse at Victoria Gardens, 8 a.m.
- Oct. 29: Mobility 21 Summit, Disneyland Hotel, 8:30 a.m.
- Nov. 3: SANBAG Board Meeting



Redlands Transit Meetings Held



Left: City of San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris inquires about the project at the September 14 meeting.

Nearly 200 people attended two public meetings last month to learn about the Redlands First Mile and Passenger Rail Project, which span from San Bernardino to Redlands.

The meetings were held at the ESRI offices in Redlands on September 13 and at the Economic Development Agency in San Bernardino on September 14. Meeting attendees learned about the Redlands First Mile Project, which will extend Metrolink service from the Santa Fe Depot in San Bernardino to the planned Intermodal Transit Center at Rialto Avenue and E Street. Attendees also learned about transit alternatives for the Passenger Rail Project that will provide a nine-mile link between the Transit Center in San Bernardino and the University of Redlands.

The Passenger Rail Project is currently in the alternatives analysis phase where various transit alternatives are being evaluated, such as Light Rail, Diesel Multiple Units, Commuter Rail, and Bus Rapid Transit. This system could have up to 10 station locations.

The Redlands First Mile and Passenger Rail Project will provide increased access to other major transportation lines including Metrolink, the planned sbX Bus Rapid Transit Line from northern San Bernardino to Loma Linda, and traditional bus lines throughout the county.



Above: Attendees listen to the presentation at the September 13 meeting.

Graham Praised for Service

SANBAG Transit Analyst Ryan Graham was praised for his five years of dedicated service to SANBAG. Prior to being named transit analyst earlier this year, Graham worked in the planning department.



SANBAG Board President Brad Mitzelfelt (left) congratulates SANBAG Transit Analyst Ryan Graham on five years of service.

Congratulations Jean-Rene Basle

Congratulations to SANBAG's legal counsel, Jean-Rene Basle, who was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to the position of County Counsel. Basle will be replacing Ruth Stringer, who has served as County Counsel for several years. Basle has been an excellent legal advisor and working partner with SANBAG since 2003. SANBAG wishes him the very best as he takes over the leadership of County Counsel's department.

Funding Agreements for IVDA Projects Approved

SANBAG Board approved a funding agreement with the Inland Valley Development Agency (IVDA) for two projects in the City of San Bernardino, including the 3rd Street Widening and Mountain View Bridge over the Santa Ana River.

In order for the projects to move forward with the NEPA approval process, IVDA requested that SANBAG allocate a nominal amount of federal funds on these two projects. The agreement reduces the Measure I share by \$10,000 and replaces it with an equal amount of STP funds. The 3rd Street Widening project is estimated at \$3.2 million and the Mountain View Bridge project is estimated at \$12.5 million.

Both projects, which are in the Preliminary Engineering phase, will provide vital access between the City and San Bernardino International Airport.